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DEPT CONTACTED DEAN TRUMP AT COLUMBIA SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM RE ADMISSION OF AGBESE. HE HAS BEEN ADMITTED BUT COLUMBIA WILL NOT ISSUE I-20 UNTIL HE HAS DEPOSITED WITH UNIVERSITY FUNDS TO COVER TUITION AND MAINTENANCE FOR ONE SEMESTER (APPROXIMATELY DOLS 4,000). AS POST CAN SURMISE, THIS REQUIREMENT IS DIRECT RESULT OF COLUMBIA'S EXPERIENCE WITH SEVERAL NIGERIAN STUDENTS LAST YEAR, ONE BEING OGUNSANWO. DOES POST FEEL THAT AGBESE IS GOING TO BE ABLE TO GET BENUE STATE SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS TRANSFER APPROVED AND SENT TO COLUMBIA IN TIME FOR SEPT. ARRIVAL? DOES NOT APPEAR TO DEPT THIS POSSIBLE AND WITHOUT ASSURANCES COLUMBIA WILL NOT ISSUE I-20. DEPT COULD SEEK BFS APPROVAL FOR CU TRAVEL GRANT AT MEETING SEPT. 9 OUT NEED ASSURANCES HE IS GOING TO BE ABLE COMPLY WITH COLUMBIA'S REQUIREMENT. ADVISE. ROBINSON

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